



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Arvin Prasad, Commissioner of Development Services

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Reviewed by: Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

Date: February 16, 2023

Re: Removal of Heritage Designation By-law on property to be conveyed to the York Region, 7739 9th Line, Box Grove Community

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the designation By-law 2020-67 be amended by removing it from the lands to be dedicated to York Region, identified as Parts 1 and 4 on the attached Site Plan, as required in the condition for consent application File CNST 21 135584;
2. AND THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the former resolution.

BACKGROUND:

On June 8, 2022, the Committee of Adjustment approved a consent application (File CNST 21 135584) for the severance of the property municipally known as 7739 9th Line to create one new building lot while retaining the historic Bishop-Reesor House on the retained lot (See Appendix B). The property is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 9th Line and 14th Avenue in the Box Grove community (See Appendix A). In 2020, the City recognized the cultural heritage significance of the Bishop-Reesor House by designating it under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (By-law 2020-67).

One of the conditions attached to the decision of the Committee of Adjustment, which must be satisfied within two years of the approval date, is for the conveyance to York Region, free of any encumbrances, of portions of both the retained and new lots adjacent to 14th Avenue, and the removal of the property from By-law 2020-67.

The process for making minor amendments By-law 2020-67 includes review by the Municipal Heritage Committee (Heritage Markham). On January 11, 2023, Heritage Markham indicated no objection to amending the By-law to facilitate the removal of the portions of land that are to be conveyed to York Region (See Appendix C), specifically Parts 1 and 4 on the attached Site Plan. This will not impact the City's ability to regulate and protect the heritage attributes of the Bishop-Reesor House, which will continue to be subject to the Designation By-law.